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ROAD BONDS IN GOV. E. F. NOEL SUM OF \$60,000 TO SPEAK HERE TO BE ISSUED NEXT FRIDAY

VOTERS INDORSE CON-
TEMPLATED IMPROVE-
MENT OF HIGHWAYS

THREE DISTRICTS TO SPEAK AT 10 A.M.

Artesia, West Port and Old
Zion Thoroughfares to Be
Improved.

The qualified electors of three
separate road taxing districts in
Lowndes county on Tuesday voted
on bond issues totaling \$60,000 for
the improvement of public highways,
and in all three instances the pro-
posed bond issues were authorized by
decisive majorities.

In two of the road taxing districts,
West Port and Artesia, the amounts
voted on were \$25,000 each, while
in the Old Zion district the sum
authorized to be expended was \$10,-
000. Both the Artesia and West
Port road taxing districts are lo-
cated in the prairie section, west of
the Tombigbee river, while the Old
Zion district is situated in the south-
ern section of the county.

Lowndes county, like other
counties not only in Mississippi but
in many progressive states through-
out the country, has expended a
great deal of money in improving
her roads during the past few years
and will soon have a complete sys-
tem of modern highways.

Something like half a million dol-
lars has been expended since the lo-
cal movement looking towards the
improvement of public roads was
inaugurated a few years ago, and all
citizens agree that the money has
been well spent. Columbus and the
rural sections of the county have
alike been benefited, as well as the
value of agricultural lands has ma-
terially increased and the good roads
have enabled the farmers not only to
visit the city more frequently but to
spend more money when they come.

APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED.
The following appointments in the
legal department of the Mobile and
Ohio railroad have been announced
by Carl Fox, general counsel, and
approved by R. V. Taylor, general
manager:

W. N. Ethridge personal injury
and stock claim agent, with juris-
diction between Okolona and the Nox-
ubee-Kemper county line; head-
quarters, West Point.

J. R. Bealle to succeed S. J. Pear-
son, injury attorney and stock claim
agent for the Montgomery division,
headquarters, Tuscaloosa.

C. M. Wright personal injury at-
torney and stock claim agent for
territory between the Noxubee
county line and Mobile, head-
quarters, Meridian.

Mr. J. F. Wright, of Winona, vis-
ited his sister, Mrs. F. D. Ellis, in this
city the first of the week.

LAWRENCE HEARD BY LARGE CROWDS

FORMER PASTOR OF FIRST
CHURCH DELIVERS TWO
FINE SERMONS.

Dr. J. Benjamin Lawrence, who
was formerly pastor of the First
Baptist church in this city and who
is now secretary of the Baptist
State board of Missions, with head-
quarters in Jackson, delivered
two sermons here last Sunday hav-
ing spoken at the First Baptist
church at 11 a. m. and at the
Princess Airdome at 8:30 p. m.

Dr. Lawrence is recognized as
one of the ablest ministers in the
state, being not only a fine execu-
tive but a brilliant orator as well.
He delivered two fine sermons and
thoroughly delighted the large con-
gregations which attended both the
morning and evening services.

The music was a special feature
on each occasion, the Princess or-
chestra having delightfully rendered
several selections at the evening
service.

ASPIRANT FOR SENATOR-
IAL HONORS TO ADDRESS
LOCAL CONSTITUENTS

Campaign Manager Says He
is Being Well Received in
This Section.

Former Governor E. F. Noel, who
is a candidate for the seat in the
United States Senate now occupied
by Hon. James K. Vardaman, will ad-
dress the people of Lowndes county
in behalf of his candidacy at the
court house in this city next Friday,
August 2, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Former Governor Noel, who is a
veteran of the Spanish-American
war, has since opening his campaign,
delivered addresses at Camp Shelby
and Camp Pike, where many Missis-
sippians are undergoing military
training preparatory to leaving for
France to join the American expedi-
tionary forces, and was well re-
ceived at both places. He has more
recently been campaigning in Chick-
asaw, Lee and Calhoun counties,
and, according to a statement made
by W. B. Wilkes, his campaign man-
ager, reports from these counties are
most encouraging.

Governor Noel is being opposed by
Senator Vardaman and Congressman
Pat Harrison, and while both are at
present campaigning in Mississippi,
neither, so far as can be learned, has
made plans to include this city in
his itinerary. Both Senator Varda-
man and Congressman Harrison, have
spoken here since announcing for the
Senate, and as both seem to be pressed
for time it may be that their local
constituents will not be accorded the
privilege of hearing them again dur-
ing the process of the campaign.

MATERIALS ALLOTTED.

The local Red Cross chapter has
been allotted materials to make this
month; 230 surgical dressings, 60
hospital garments, 301 pair of socks,
200 "Pinafores". Members of the
chapter have been instructed to
fine their activities to the making of
these garments.

DR. PAUL COCKE WELL KNOWN HERE

PHYSICIAN KILLED ON FRENCH
FRONT BROTHER OF MR.
CARY COCKE.

Dr. Paul Lee Cocke, of Brim-
ingham, a member of the Medical Re-
serve corps who was recently killed
on the French battle field, was the
brother of Mr. Cary Cocke, a well
known planter residing in the prairie
section west of Columbus, and
his death is keenly regretted here.

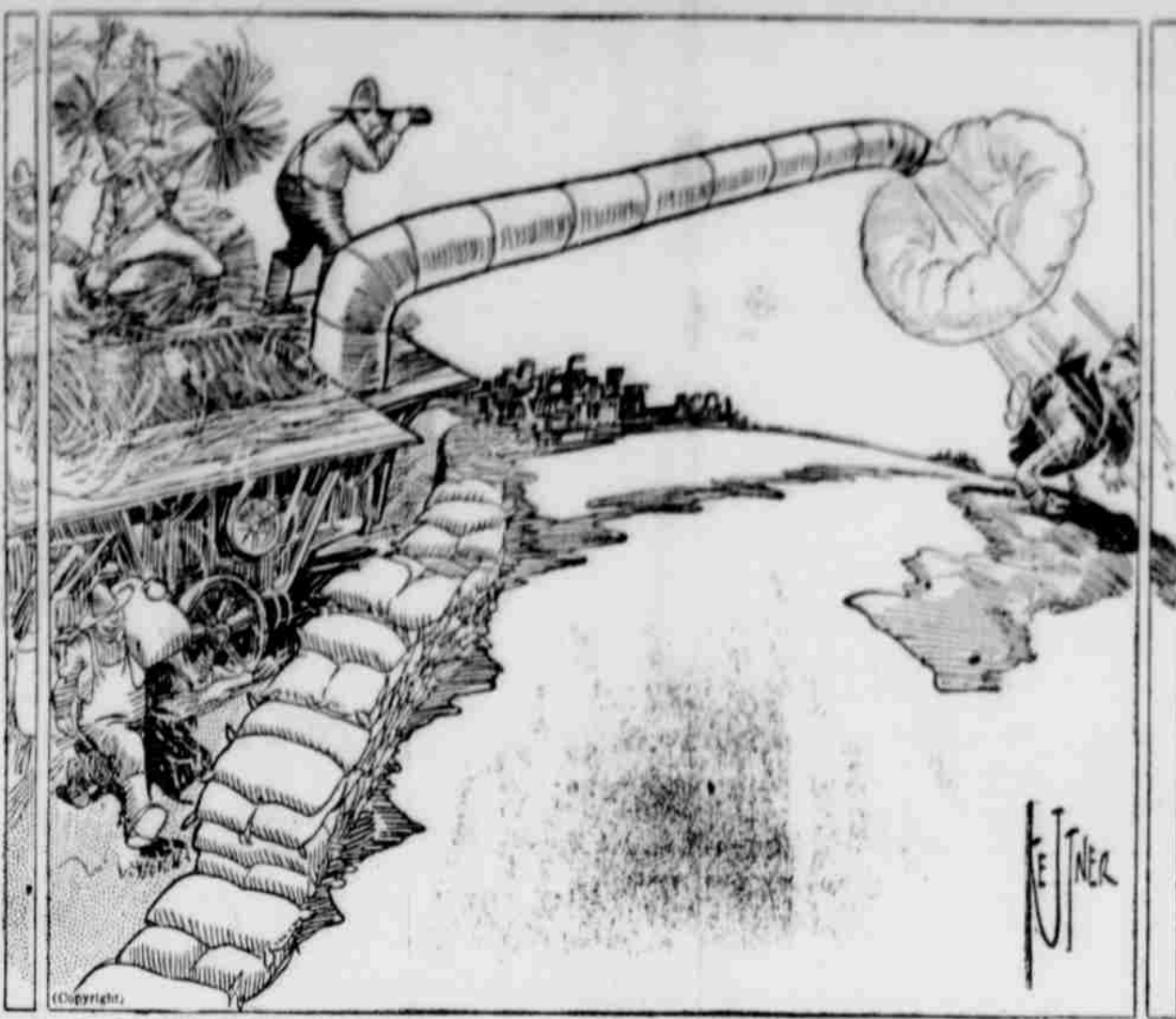
Dr. Cocke had been in France sev-
eral months, and in a letter recently
written to his brother stated that he
had been assigned to a base hospi-
tal near the battle front. He said
he was delighted with the assignment,
as it afforded him a splendid oppor-
tunity to serve his country and his
fellow men. No details regarding
the manner in which the gallant
young man met his death have been
received here.

Mr. Claud Egger, who for several
years past has been a member of the
Columbus Fire Department, and who
has made an efficient fireman for
yesterday for Sheffield, Ala., where
he goes to reside. Mr. Egger has
accepted a position as a member of the
Sheffield Fire Department.

The many friends of Mr. Egger,
Harrison, the youngest son of Mr.
and Mrs. J. T. Harrison, of this city,
will be interested in hearing that he
is now at Jackson Barracks.

Mr. J. R. Nickles, who is stock
manager for the Norwood Stock
Farm at Artesia, spent the first of
the week here with his brother,
Judge R. M. Nickles.

Another Gun to Beat the Hun



WELL KNOWN GIRL BRIDE OF SOLDIER

MR. FRED EGGER AND MISS JOSE-
EPHINE DUNCAN JOINED IN
BONDS OF MATRIMONY.

Mr. Fred Egger and Miss Jose-
phine Duncan were married at the
home of the bride's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. W. H. Duncan, 402 North
Eighth street, at four o'clock Tues-
day afternoon, the ceremony having
been performed by Rev. W. L.
Duren, presiding elder of the Colum-
bus district of the North Mississippi
Methodist conference. Mr. Egger
is a member of the army and for
some time past has been in training
at Jackson Barracks, but is now at
home on furlough, while his bride is
an unusually attractive young lady.

The marriage possesses all the
elements of romance, as the groom
is a gallant young soldier, while his
bride recently had a miraculous es-
cape from death. The young lady,
after having attended a dance last
Thursday night, developed a headache
and in an effort to relieve suffering
swallowed a dose of medicine which
she believed to be aspirin but which
was in reality bi-chloride of mercury.
She was made violently ill but the
lethal dose, and for a short time it
was feared she would die, but a
strong constitution enabled her to
overcome the effects of the poison,
and she finally recovered.

The two contracting parties had
been sweethearts for some time,
and the narrow escape which she had
from death caused them to realize
how dear they were to each other;
so they decided to speedily consum-
mate their love at Hymen's altar.

NATION-MOORE.

A wedding of much interest to
many Columbians was quietly so-
lemnized in Charlotte N. C., on Wed-
nesday evening July 24, 1918 at 8
o'clock in the lobby of the Stonewall
Hotel, when Miss Eugenia Moore of
this city and Mr. Guy Manson Nation
of Birmingham were married. The
Rev. J. W. Cobb officiated.

The bride was lovely in green gar-
gette crepe with accessories in har-
mony. She wore a corsage bouquet
of Radiance roses. She is the
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Y.
Moore and a young lady of many ac-
complishments.

Mr. Nation is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. G. I. Nation. He is a young
man of sterling worth. He is a
member of the 608th Camouflage
squadron. Previous to his enlist-
ment in December 1917, he was book-
keeper for the Burroughs Adding
Machine company. The groom will
leave for New York in a few days.

Mrs. Nation will visit in Birming-
ham several weeks. Numerous
friends extend best wishes and con-
gratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Orr, of Boro,
Texas, formerly of Lowndes
county, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J.
T. Conn, at Caledonia. They
later visit Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Conn
in this city.

REDUCTION MADE IN SUGAR RATION

ORDER REDUCING LIMIT TO
TWO POUNDS MONTHLY BE-
COMES EFFECTIVE TODAY

Washington, July 31.—The Amer-
ican ration of three pounds of sug-
ar per capita per month has been cut
to two pounds by the food adminis-
tration. This action had been ex-
clusively forecast by the Universal Ser-
vice. The order takes effect Aug. 1,
and is expected to remain in force
until Jan. 1. It may be possible at
that time to loosen the restrictions
somewhat.

A similar order to public eating
houses limits their sugar supply to
two pounds for every 90 meals. At
the present time no further reduction
will be placed on the soft drink man-
ufacturers, who are already operat-
ing on a 50 per cent basis. The food
administration expects that the do-
mestic reduction to two pounds will
save enough sugar to meet the
necessity of our allies.

The ration remains
one, and there is no intent to make
it compulsory, but the supply of
sugar on hand are to be allotted to
the various states on the two-pound
basis, and failure of voluntary ra-
tioning in any state will create a de-
flict in that state which will not be
met by the national administration by
further allocations.

MAGRUDER MAKES TOUR OF COUNTY

ASPIRANT FOR CONGRESSIONAL
HONORS DELIVERS FOUR AD-
DRESSES IN LOWNDES.

Hon. W. W. Magruder of Stark-
ville, candidate for Congress from
this, the First, district, has delivered
four addresses in Lowndes county
during the past two days having
spoken at Steens Tuesday night, at
Caledonia Wednesday morning, at
Mayhew Wednesday afternoon and
at Artesia Wednesday night.

People here seem very little con-
cerned regarding politics, and the
little interest that is being mani-
fested in the senatorial race. Lowndes
county has for many years been a
Vardaman stronghold but many
local citizens who have sup-
ported him ever since he entered
public life have been alienated by
his attitude towards the administra-
tion's war policy and have aligned
themselves with the Harrison forces.

Mr. Jack Craddock of the
ville neighborhood, was a visitor to
Columbus Tuesday. He reports that
crops in his section are looking fine
and that bountiful yields are assured.

Chief Yeoman Victor Hogan, of
St. Louis, who has made six trips
abroad, is here on a visit to his
brother, Mr. O. D. Hogan.

RAISING WHEAT IS A DUTY, GARNER SAYS

COMMISSIONER OF AGRICUL-
TURE TELLS FARMERS THEY
MUST AID WHEAT DRIVE.

That it is a matter of duty for the
farmers of Mississippi to raise more
wheat than ever this year is the op-
inion of P. P. Garner, commissioner of
agriculture, expressed in the follow-
ing statement, which has been pre-
pared for the bulletin soon to be is-
sued by this department:

"In asking the farmers of Missis-
sippi to grow wheat, I wish to pre-
sent the proposition fairly and
squarely.

"In the first place, wheat under
ordinary conditions will never per-
haps be a commercial crop in this
state. There are other crops that
may be more easily produced and
that will usually prove more mu-
nerative.

"However, as I see the situation it
is not now a question either of con-
venience or of money. It is entirely
a matter of duty. The government
of the United States is asking Mis-
sissippians to grow enough wheat to
take care of the needs of the state.
The government says that there be
no scarcity in order that our already
overburdened transportation system
be not taxed further by having to
haul in flour to Mississippi from else-
where.

"The government points out also
that the growing of wheat in Mis-
sissippi is the surest way of having bi-
cuit to eat, as a situation might
easily develop during these uncer-
tain war times which would make it
necessary for us either to eat our
homegrown biscuit and baker's bread
or else to eat corn bread.

"I am sure that Mississippi farmers
and business men need no urging to
do their duty.

"P. P. GARNER,
"Commissioner of Agriculture."

Mr. Harvey H. Savage, who several
months ago was released from Uncle
Sam's fighting forces on account of
minor physical disabilities and who
since his release has been working
Sheffield, Ala., has been accepted for
special limited service and has been
ordered to report to San Antonio,
Texas, for duty. Mr. Savage, who
was here Monday, went back to Shef-
field Tuesday, but will return to Co-
lumbus at an early date, and go from
here to San Antonio with a gen-
eral of local draftees.

CAPT. NEILSON HURT.

According to news recently re-
ceived here, Capt. Crawford Neilson,
a Columbian who qualified some
time ago as an instructor in artillery
practice and who is now stationed at
Sandy Hook, was recently injured
when struck on the arm by shot
from a bursting shrapnel. His in-
juries are not serious, however, and
after having been confined to his
quarters for a few days he has re-
turned to duty.

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. McCullough are
visiting relatives in Greenwood.

GROSS SALES TAX SOON TO BE INCREASED BY BAYONETS

CERTAIN MANUFACTUR-
ERS, PRODUCERS AND
IMPORTERS ON LIST

INCREASE VARIES

Treasury Department Offi-
cials Favor Doubling of the
Rates Now in Effect.

Washington, July 31.—A 10 per
cent tax on gross sales of manu-
facturers, producers and importers of
automobiles, piano players, grapho-
phones, sporting goods, cosmetics,
patent medicines, engines and sim-
ilar articles was tentatively agreed
upon Tuesday by the House ways
and means committee, which is draft-
ing the new \$8,000,000,000 revenue
bill. The present excise tax on most
of these articles ranges around
three per cent, and the increased
taxation will produce an immensely
greater revenue from these sources,
although no estimate was made of
the total yield. Motor trucks will
be taxed only half the increased rate
on the ground that they are for
business purposes and not in the
same class with passenger automo-
biles.

The automobile tax was discussed
at length. It was felt by some mem-
bers of the committee that a large
proportion of automobiles are used
for business as well as other purposes
but it was agreed that it be impos-
sible to differentiate. Some of the
committee voted against the taxpay-
ing of motor trucks, but the com-
mittee finally compromised on a
tax of five per cent on gross sales
on original transactions. There was
no effort to put a tax on gasoline,
although such a tax has been
discussed.

There was some discussion by the
committee today of the tobacco tax
schedule. The Treasury Department
has recommended doubling the pre-
sent rates on tobacco. The commit-
tee wants more revenue than this
would yield, and will decide the in-
creases later. Data laid before the
committee showed that consumption
of cigars in this country is decreas-
ing while cigarette consumption is
mounting rapidly.

RESUME WORK IN STAMP CAMPAIGN

APPEALS BEING SENT OUT TO
ALL CITIZENS NOT HERE
TOFORE SOLICITED.

The recent issuance of a new city
directory has furnished local work-
ers with a list of a large number of peo-
ple to whom appeals to buy War Sav-
ings stamps have never been made,
and Prof. E. A. Stanley, chairman
for Lowndes county, has a large
force of clerks engaged in the work
of sending out letters to these citi-
zens urging them to pledge them-
selves to buy stamps.

The people to whom cards are be-
ing sent are being requested to have
their pledges in not later than next
Monday, and those who fail to re-
spond by that time will be per-
sonally interviewed by solicitors for
the cause.

ATKINS-RANDY

A quiet wedding of much interest
was solemnized at 1:40 o'clock yes-
terday afternoon at the home of Mr.
and Mrs. J. R. Randle, when their
youngest daughter, Ella Keeler Randle,
was married to Mr. Ivy Homer Atkins. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. S. F.
Fope, pastor of the First Baptist
church.

The happy couple left at 2:20
o'clock over the Southern Railway
for Buffalo, Niagara Falls and other
eastern cities.

Mr. C. C. Richardson has received
a message from his brother Mr.
Johnathan Richardson, stating that
he has gone to Syracuse, N. Y., where
he has volunteered for limited ser-
vice.

PIERCE FIGHT FOR THE
HEIGHTS NORTHEAST
OF OURCQ RIVER

SAMMIES ADVANCE

Pershing Reports Repulse of
Enemy and Improvement
of American Positions.

With the American Army
at the Aisne, July 31.—Amer-
icans gave the Germans cold
steel in a series of violent
hand to hand encounters for
possession of the heights
north of the Ourcq river,
which raged all day, and were
still going on tonight.

The Americans continued
to thrust northward despite
the fact that the boches had
rushed fresh troops into ac-
tion in motor trucks and laid
down a heavy barrage against
our advanced elements.

Our progress was not quite
so rapid as it had been on
Sunday. At daybreak we
had cleared the Germans en-
tirely from Seringes-et-Nesle
and Hill No. 184, immediately
northeast of Fere-en-Tarden-
nois.

During the night the Americans
had penetrated the village from the
west taking the boches completely
by surprise. In the meanwhile the
Germans were keeping the slopes
to the south under heavy machine
gun fire, where the Americans had
made a demonstration.

After sharp bayonet fighting the
Germans were thrown back to the
outskirts.

The attack which hurled the boche
defenders from the village was led by
a certain captain from Ohio.

A thick nest of German machine
guns in the small wood known as
Bois-de-Brule (south of Seringes)
held up the advance of our right
flank. The officers saw that the po-
sition could not be taken except at
considerable loss so the artillery
signalled. The gunners responded
magnificently.

After forty minutes of violent
shelling the infantry rushed forward,
going through the wood with but lit-
tle resistance. The men found four
machine gun emplacements had been
blown to bits.

Mr. Joe Randle, of Jackson, who
was here on a furlough visit-
ing his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. J. R. Randle.

NEW DIRECTORY OF CITY IS ISSUED

SHOWS SLIGHT DECREASE IN
POPULATION OF COLUMBUS
SINCE 1914.

A new local city directory, com-
piled by R. L. Polk & Co., of Mem-
phis, has just been issued and shows
the population of Columbus to be
10,721. This is a loss of 1,469 since
the last directory was issued and
gave the city a population of 12,-
1,190.

The decrease in population was
by no means unexpected, as it was
generally known that many people
had left Columbus during the past
three years. The exodus began in
the fall of 1916, when many negroes
emigrated northward, and during the
past year hundreds of local young
men have left to join Uncle Sam's
fighting forces. Then too, many
citizens have gone to Sheffield and
other industrial centers to engage in
war work, and the departure of so
many people has naturally depleted
the city's population.